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A few people are outside Cultivar on Chestnut Street in San Francisco on May 16.

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Dozens of people standing shoulder to shoulder in front of two Marina District wine bars drew a visit and an admonishment on Friday night from San Francisco police.

Police were called to the 2300 block of Chestnut Street where they found “people not complying with the health ordinance” to maintain social distance and wear face masks, said sergeant Michael Andraychak.

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The proprietors of the two bars, Howell's and Cultivar, were "admonished" by officers, Andraychak said. It was the first time the establishments had been the subject of complaints, he added.

Photographs of dozens of unmasked young people crowded onto the sidewalk and street circulated on social media, drawing angry comments.




David Lytle, Armed Potato Guard 
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Tonight in San Francisco's Marina District at Howells bar.

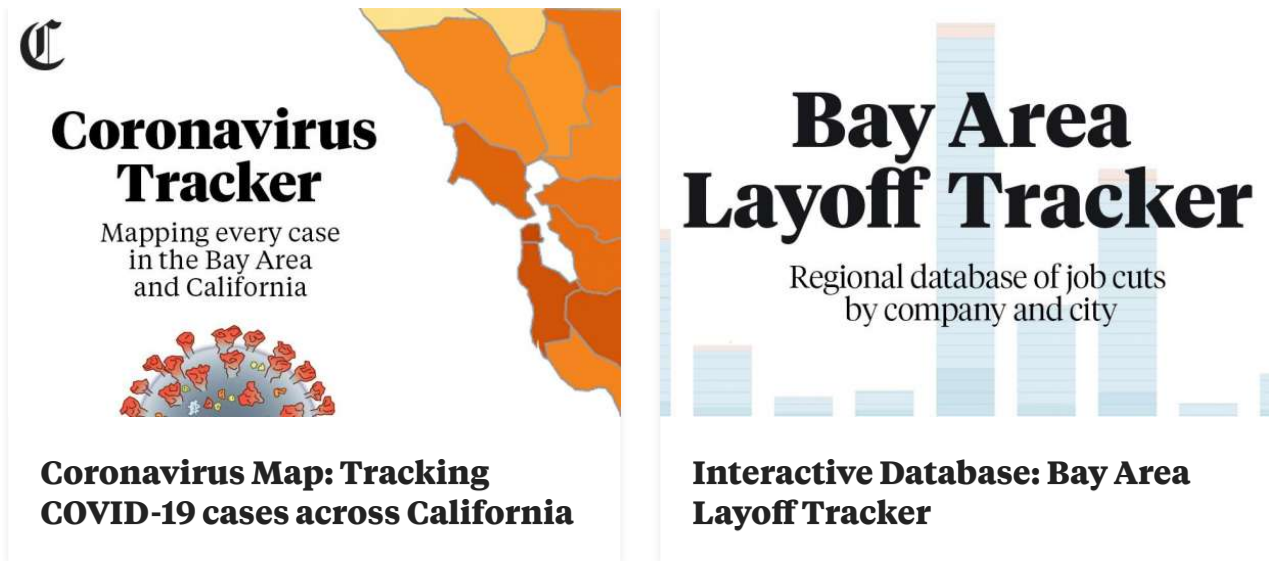


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Nick Barker, the general manager of Cultivar, acknowledged that his customers and others were violating pandemic rules when the officers arrived. The crowd quickly broke up, he said.

“We support the police,” Barker said. “We’re thankful for their help. It’s hard to control a customer’s behavior, once they purchase a (take-out) product from us and go back outside.”

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Under the state's temporary coronavirus rules, bars and restaurants are allowed to serve alcoholic beverages for takeout.

Andraychak said a report of the incident would be forwarded to the city attorney's office.

On Saturday evening around 7:30 p.m., Howell's was closed, and only a few people could be seen outside Cultivar.

NOTE: This story omitted a response from owners of one of the bars. Howell's Bar co-owners Sameet Mehta and Nate Welch said they appreciated the police response and the dispersal of the crowd, not all of whom were Howell's customers. Their bar sells beverages and food for takeout only and has signs urging customers and others not to congregate.

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